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PETECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. CICHITA, March 30,-Anyone visiting the Oklahoma country can see at a glance the reason for the intense

passing beauty. From a hilltop, the original site of the town of Ewing, where Captain Payne was captured by the soldiers, can be seen a said to go a bale to the acre.

ROUGH, BUT MIGHT BE WORSE. The town has never been incorporated, and is ruled solely by United States author-ity, and while there is plenty of lite and bustle and a fair sprinkling of hard characrowdyism, probably due to some extent to the enforced prohibition of all intoxicants. a bargain was soon struck with of the buildings bear evidence to the shoot-ing that has been done by them, and even now a gang will occasionally terrorize the entire community, but such "terrora" are generally brought to time by the deputy United States marshals.

To the south of Purcell lie the Chickasaw desire to possess the and Pottawatomic countries, which may well be counted among the richest and most productive lands in the Union. Paul's Valley is one immense farm, stretching for miles without sign of fence. A failure of and that actuates the man who has once been there. The landscape is one of surcrops is an unheard of thing, and corn often yields 100 bushels to the acre and sells now in Purcell at 20 cents a bushel. Cotton is

room chairs, by the thousand.

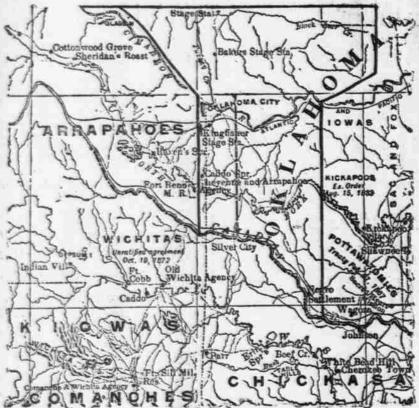
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OKLAHOMA AND ADJACENT TERRITORY.

The new region opened to settlement, as shown in the map, is bounded thus: North, Black Bear Creek; east, the Iowas, Sac and Fox, Kickapoos and Pottawatomie reservations; southwest, the Canadian river; south, Arrapahoe reservation; northwest, the Cimarron river. The Atlantic and Pacific road passes through the center of the new Territory.

rolling prairies stretch into boundless proper they are hard to find, not because

and there over the prairies, giving the entire scene a park-like appearance, and a climate that knows not extremes, all combine to enhance the beauty of the country,

with milk and honey.

camped, and the valley reaching down to the Cherokee Strip was dotted every few yards with groups of wagons and tents. THE INDIAN AT HOME.

much to the sympathy that poor Lo's con-dition has aroused in the far East, the samples seen here are a fair representation of of the Indian as he is in real life—a lazy, dirty, good-for-nothing. As on the prerevel; representatives from most of the tribes were present at the agency, so that

ereck, which we crossed soon after leaving Mendota, we met with more "boomers" camps. Two immigrants' wagons had re-cently come in. The would-be settlers had just had time to put up their tent and were preparing a meal when there appeared on the scene four Indian scouts. A little dog playing with the children barked and was promptly shot dead, and without a word the tent was torn down, the samily and all their

The more rugged country in the neighbor-hood of Black Bear creek soon gives way to the fertile valleys of the Oklahoma country, and by the time the fine trestle bridge across the Cimarron is reached the view from the train is one of great beauty and presents an immense tract of valley land of glorious fertility and as favored in the way of natural drainage, timber and water as perhaps any other lands within the domain of the United States. Soon we ran into Ok-lshoma City and out again into the dark-ness, and it was during the run from here to Purcell that, for perhaps 20 miles, we paralleled a blazing wall of fire said to have been started by the boomers to starve out

PURCELL-A MOVABLE TOWN. lefty bluff overlooking the South Canadian River, and to the east a part of the Okla-homa country. A number of very primi-tive-looking frame structures, tents, holes in the ground covered with canvas and every conceivable form of habitation that will serve for temporary protection are perched on the hillside, but as one passes these and reaches the bluff there looms up a gathering of more pretentious buildings which form the business portion of the town, but which were evidently constructed with a view to their easy remarkable in the server of the town. with a view to their easy removal should it be deemed advisable to transfer the town to any point that might appear more suitable, the only structures of any permanency be-ing the Catholic Mission School and the church and school buildings of the Metho-dist, Presbyterian and Catholic denomina-

One reason for this unsubstantial condition of affairs is that the land on which Purcell is built belongs to a Chickasaw named Robert Love, who leases the ground to the proprietors of the buildings, and who is very much easier to deal with as long as there with the proprietors. there exists the possibility that the town hay be moved. There are, perhaps, 2,000 people in and about the place, and it is rightly called the headquarters of the "boomers." Many of these men have accumulated considerable means, and will make their fresh start in the new land unsales the new land unsales the new land unsal make their fresh start in the new land un-der very flattering suspices, but there are many whose woebegone appearance and demoralized outfits forbode but sorry times

that the reservation contained fully 30,000 people in all ready to move at a moment's notice. That they were getting impatient is not to be wondered at when it is realized that the great majority of them have invest-ed their all in the venture, and see the time rapidly approaching when they should be getting in the crops they count upon to sup-port them during the coming winter.

The beautiful valley of the North Canadian river stretches for miles on either side of whose dangerous quicksands have buried the stream, being especially broad on the many a traveler and hidden many a murder. mouth side, before, by gradual ascent, the mouth side, before, by gradual ascent, the mulands are reached whence the gently unlands are reached, whence the gently soon as the line is crossed into Oklahoma

This North Canadian Valley is the garden spot of the Oklahoma country—the Canaan of the boomers. Soil of the utmost fertility, water in abundance—rivers, springs, divide between the North and South Canaand to assure in the future a land flowing

The trip from Wichita to Oklahoma City was a succession of surprises and revelations. Every mile or two after leaving the metropolis of Southwest Kansas trains of covered wagons were seen winding their way toward the Kansas line. Around Arkansas City hundreds of boomers were

At the first stopping place one has a fair opportunity to see the red man at home; and while the sight would perhaps not add

the opportunity to draw conclusions was a more than ordinarily good one.

From Pones to Mendota, a station near the Black Bear creek, the country grows more rolling and better timbered in the vicinity of the waterways. On Black Bear belongings bundled into the wagons and started toward the Kansas line.

The frontier town Purcell stands on a

It has been stated on competens authority

level until Oklahoma City. The building here are few and of the most unpretention We soon started out to prospect. Reach-

ters, such as are always to be found in frontier towns, there is a marked absence of Of course in its time the town has been run by tough characters, and the walls of many

country as fair as eye could wish to rest on. | The South Canadian, below Purcell, is

okianoma Harry Hill's ranch, which he staked out during the Payne raid, is near by and below us in the woods, and though we could not see them, we knew that hundreds of "boomers" were camped. Later we came across several of them and found that that entire section had been laid out in claims and that already much fighting had resulted for the ownership. resulted for the ownership. GAME IN ABUNDANCE. It was some time before we could find one particular camp of which we were in search, but we finally reached it, embedded in the midst of the thick wood, almost a in the midst of the thick wood, almost a jungle, so luxuriant was the growth of vine and underbrush. Oaks of all kinds, cottonwood, hackberry, persimmon, elm, walnut and box elder crowded each other, and a few paces from the camp we stumbled upon a ministure lake. We had friends in this camp who gave us ample evidence of the abundance of game of all kinds that roamed in their immediate vicinity. Deer, ducks turkers prairie chickens and qualis

IN A BOOMERS' CAMP.

ducks, turkeys, prairie chickens and quails are to be had without number. The North Canadian Valley centers in Oklahoma City, so that there will probably be the large city of the district. Upon the uplands surrounding there is abundance of good grass and ample water for stock. This valley is comparable to the famous Washita Valley, south of Purcell, in point of richness of soil, and as the river water

permeates the sandy subsoil there is no fear affairs at Oklahoma City and Purcell is very marked. At the latter place many of the boomers are occupied in tilling rented lands, but at Oklahoma City all are de-pendent on the opening of the country to settlement, although there are here, as elsewhere, comparatively wealthy prospectors looking for chances to snap up anything good that may offer.

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table boomers' camp, snugly ensconced among the thick timber on the bank of the river. Half a dozen men were preparing a meal round a fire. In a tent near by were others playing cards, and a few yards off, from within the recesses of still other canthe owner of one of the wagons, and in a short time we were roaming over the old pony express trail from Vinits to Albu-querque behind a pair of fiery Indian

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Oklahoma Harry Hill's ranch, which he staked out during the Payne raid is near

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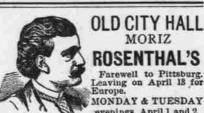
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